



FLORIDA CHAPTER ASLA TRUSTEE REPORT

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YOUR ASLA MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the 24rd^h piece of my Trustee report series where I share a few notes and items from our national organization over the last month or so. Remind people who may have lapsed in their membership to rejoin and that *payment options* are available. Please feel free to contact me at Trustee@FLASLA.org if you have any questions or concerns about ASLA issues.

This was my first Board of Trustee meeting that I have missed. I sent our Past President, Dave Ferris, in my stead. With two daughters due with the first granddaughters on May 15th, I wanted to stay close to home. The first was born on April 28th and I flew to Reno to be with them. The second came during the Board of Trustee Meeting on May 21st. Welcome to the world Emily Olivia and Rose Quinn. I am tickled pink. 😊

Our FLASLA Conference in Jacksonville is open for registration. The event is August 4th – 6th. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Governance and Administration

- **Pledges to the campaign for the ASLA Center for Landscape Architecture** have now passed the **\$1 million mark** (\$1,022,024) on its way to the \$1.5 million goal. Click the link for the list of [donors](#) to date. To suggest firms who have yet to pledge, please contact [Director Sears](#); phone, 202-216-2369.
- The registration for the ASLA 2016 Annual Meeting and EXPO is open. Won't New Orleans be fun? Register before June 17th for the lowest rates.

Government Affairs

- Did you provide your feedback on ASLA's Federal and State Legislative Priorities Survey? It is closing as of this day I am writing. It helps ASLA understand what issues are important to us.
- Recently, ASLA worked with The Nature Conservancy, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and other water resources organizations to include language in the manager's amendment to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) (H.R.5303) that would promote the consideration of resilient design and nature-based solutions in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) water resource projects. ASLA reached out to several house Transportation and Infrastructure Committee members urging them to support the language. While the committee didn't adopt the entire amendment, it did adopt language to require the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on the use of natural and nature-based features in USACE water resources projects, including flood risk reduction, coastal resiliency, and ecosystem projects.
- June 7th, ASLA hosted its 2nd Quarter Advocacy Websummit where participants received tools and resources needed for hosting successful in-district events with elected officials. The guest speaker, Matt Stegman, chief-of-staff for Maryland State Delegate Maggie McIntosh, shared his tips on how to build fruitful relationships with state legislators. The Websummit also included a summary of federal Advocacy Day 2016 and the social media highlights.